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Nursing Held Juried Poster Session to Showcase Student Research

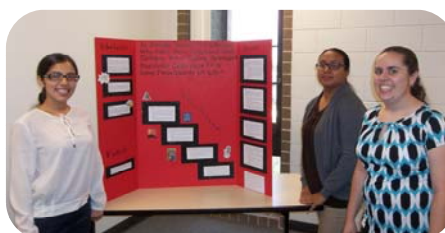
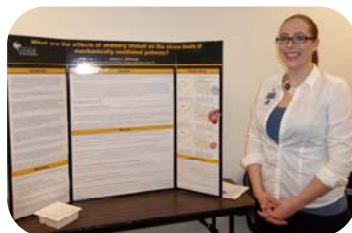
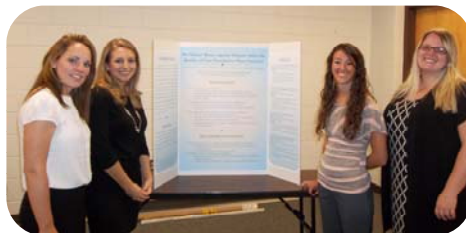


Dr. Stephen Heglund's Nursing Research class held a juried poster session this summer to present their research to peers, regional faculty, and administrators. The course is designed to give students selected experiences in reviewing, analyzing and interpreting nursing research for nursing practice. Judges for the sessions included **Dr. Joyce Burr, Dr. Krisann Draves, Dr. Barbara Kinsey, Mrs. Patricia Leli, Ms. Charlotte Neubauer, and Dr. Denise Young.**

Students presented topics such as

- investigation of the effects of sound on the mechanically ventilated patient,
- a comparison of therapeutic diets and their effects on weight loss
- a comparison of populations residing above and below 34 degrees latitude for depression and Vitamin D levels,
- the increased autoimmune disorder risks associated with women currently diagnosed with Celiac disease.

Individual students and groups of students researched their topics, evaluated the literature and created the posters. The presentation session was intended to simulate the final stage of research, the dissemination of knowledge in a professional gathering. The posters are currently on display at the EFSC/UCF Joint use library on the Cocoa campus.



Barbara Alderman, Librarian, became the 2014-15 President of the Library Association of Brevard (LAB). The LAB is a unique organization for librarians and library workers of all types in Brevard County. They will be sponsoring a special Patrick Smith program with the Brevard Library Foundation for the community in November.

Dr. Susan Craig, Criminal Justice, has been promoted to Associate Lecturer starting with the Fall 2014 semester.



Dr. Shloe Kerness, Education, graduated with her Ed.D in August as part of the first UCF cohort of the Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate. Her dissertation was "Defining and Building Excellence: A Model for Teacher Professional Development at Arete Charter School." Congratulations Dr. Kerness!



Florida's Purge: The Johns Committee Witch Hunt, a UCF honors film project taught by **Dr. Robert Cassanello**, History, and **Dr. Lisa Mills**, Film, won the International Jury Award for Best Documentary at the Durban Gay & Lesbian Film Festival in South Africa. Drs. Cassanello and Mills were also featured local artists at the Orlando Museum of Art for the showcase of local artists on Art in Equality. See below for information about a local viewing and discussion

Joe DiNapoli, Communication Sciences and Disorders, was promoted to Associate Instructor effective Fall 2014.

Paula Cepero, **Megan Haught**, **Darlene Kraft** and **Teresa Youngman** completed the Safe Zone Advocates training series which supports the LGBTQ+ community at UCF. Megan also completed the Safe Zone Train the Trainer class and is now certified to co-facilitate LGBTQ+ 101.

Angel Edgecombe and **Angie Jones** are representing the Southern Region as a part of the new initiative Transfer Launch.

Jessica Houts and **Dr. Denise Young** served on the Alumni Scholarship Selection Committee for the UCF Alumni Space Coast Scholarship. Jessica also completed the webinar: New Professionals: Loans 1 - Understanding the Basics.

Dr. Lauren Miller presented "Emergency Preparedness and Response on a Branch Campus," at the Florida Association of Branch Campus Administrators annual conference. Dr. Miller is also the FABCA conference chair

Nick Pantloni completed the following webinars: Dealing with Difficult People; Loan Repayment Strategies - Understanding Forgiveness, Forbearance, and Deferment; NSLDS - I Made It In, Now What?; Counseling Borrowers about the New 150% Direct Loan Limit.

Congratulations to our two staff members who were recognized for their years of service to UCF: **Angie Jones**, 10 years; **Teresa Youngman**, 20 years!

The Cocoa & Palm Bay USPS Support Staff, as part of diversity efforts on campus, organized three bulletin boards (Definitions of Sexuality, Notable People in LGBTQ+ Rights, and LGBTQ+ Services Offered at UCF), two wall displays showing state rights, and hung numerous posters in support of LGBTQ+ Pride Month. These displays will remain up through September.

On October 15 at 4:00 pm, the Cocoa campus will host a viewing and discussion of *Florida's Purge: The Johns Committee Witch Hunt* in the Cocoa auditorium (room 103). The film referred to as *The Committee*, is a documentary created as part of a UCF Honors in the Major project that examines the Florida Legislative Investigation Committee's efforts to root out homosexuality in higher education in Florida. The project was mentored by **Dr. Robert Cassanello**, History (Cocoa campus), and **Dr. Lisa Mills**, Film. Both faculty members will be on hand to facilitate discussion after the viewing which is open to both UCF and EFSC faculty, staff and students.

The campus will also host a viewing/discussion of *The Normal Heart* in conjunction with the Office of Diversity Initiatives in January (date & time to be announced). *The Normal Heart* is an intimate look of the start of the AIDS epidemic in New York.

Training and Enrichment in
Cocoa & Palm Bay

Dealing with Difficult People

Pegasus Mine Portal



Dr. Lauren Miller and Sheryl Schagen attended the Exemplary Science Teacher Awards banquet. UCF Cocoa & Palm Bay sponsor this event every year.

Dr. Denise Young, Dr. Lauren Miller, Jessica Houts, Kim Poppert, Angie Jones, Angel Edgecombe, Dr. Karri Williams, and Dr. Shloe Kerness attended the UCF Space Coast Alumni's Starry Knight event which honored alumni who made significant contributions within the community. Dr. Maureen Tinsley, a former UCF faculty member who taught elementary reading courses, was among the top five candidates to receive a \$1000 scholarship from the Space Coast UCF Alumni Association.



Southern Region Administration

- International Student Recruitment Meeting with UCF's Regional partners.
- Participated in the Palm Bay PSI CHI honor society induction in April.
- Participated in the annual UCF Summer Faculty Development Conference in May
- Attended the UCF College of Nursing Cocoa Advisory Board meeting in May.
- Participated in an information session on Shorelight/Global UCF with Jeff Jones and Paul Lartonoix.
- Continued collaboration with EFSC through attendance at:
 - EFSC Student Services Council Meetings
 - EFSC Provost/Executive Council Meetings
 - EFSC BOT Meetings
 - A meeting with Direct Connect Coordinators, EFSC personnel, and local staff
 - A meeting with Richard Laird and Michelle Murrell, of EFSC regarding the UCF Johnson Scholarship
 - A briefing on Pathways information with VP of Academic Affairs and Chief Learning Officer, Linda Miedema
 - Meeting with Angie Jones and Gloria Meeks, Associate Director, Career Planning and Development, and her team
 - Standing meetings with Cocoa and Palm Bay Provosts.
- Continued involving with the CareerSource Brevard (formerly Brevard Workforce Development Board) through attendance at:
 - A meeting regarding the National Emergency Grant with Denise Biondi, Communications Director
 - Quarterly Business Workforce Committee Meeting
 - Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting
- Continued involvement with the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast through attendance at:
 - A meeting with Lynda Weatherman, President & CEO
 - Quarterly Board of Directors Meetings
- Continued community involvement through attendance at or participation in:
 - "Hail and Farewell" reception honoring the outgoing County Manager Howard Tipton and welcoming Stockton Whitten as the incoming County Manager.
 - Melbourne Regional Chamber of East Central Florida, Mid-Year Economic Update Breakfast with presentations by Stephen Wood, Chief Market Strategist, Russell Investments and Tony Villamil, Founder and Principal, The Washington Economics Group, Inc.
 - Monthly Civilian Military meeting which was hosted by the Educators of Brevard County
 - Cocoa Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce's Wednesday Friendsday
 - Melbourne Regional Chamber's Business Breakfast regarding Northrop Grumman's Manned Aircraft Design Center of Excellence and what the expansion means for the community
 - Member of a United Way Community Impact Committee which reviews charities for funding through the United Way
- Brevard Business News personnel interviewed Dr. Young, Dr. Robert Cassanello, UCF Associate Professor of History, and Dr. Rosalind Beiler, UCF Director of Public History and Associate Professor, for an article regarding the UCF's history department in Cocoa's expansion of its public history bachelor's degree program to include new media and cultural heritage management. This new initiative will allow students to conduct hands-on, publicly engaged research.

College of Arts & Humanities

Women's Studies is now the Women's and Gender Studies Program and is offering a new course, WST3930: Introduction to Gender Studies, in Fall 2014.

Women's and Gender Studies will also be hosting a week-long celebration for Women's Studies 20 anniversary during the week of September 15-19 and event details will be available on their website: womensstudies.cah.ucf.edu/.

College of Nursing

This semester the Cocoa Cohort helped Habitat for Humanity build homes in Palm Bay, held a fund-raising car wash to support the community in Melbourne, and participated in a United Way Feed & Read event in Cocoa. They also helped with a blood pressure screening/health fair on at Grace United Methodist in Merritt Island, and assisted with a back-to-school event for underprivileged families at Indian River City United Methodist Church in Titusville. Seniors graduated on August 2nd and will be taking (and passing!) the NCLEX within the next few months.

College of Education



The Cocoa Future Educators Association teamed up with Brevard County FEA to host this year's leadership seminar which was held at the Brevard County School Board. **Nicole Nielson**, Cocoa FEA Vice President, and **Jaimee Antinore**, Cocoa FEA president, worked with Barbara Davis, head of Human Resources for Brevard County Schools, to ensure that this year's seminar was well attended and informative. Approximately 30 high school students attended along with 3 advisors. The seminar opened with an inspiring speech from the keynote speaker, Brevard County Teacher of the Year, Matthew Yount. The focus of this year's seminar was creating a successful FEA club by setting clear goals and providing good leadership.

College of Health and Public Affairs

The UCF Cocoa chapter of the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA) made a significant cash donation to the Speech Language Pathology program of the Brevard Public Schools during its annual year-end meeting at the School Board in Viera. Several successful NSSLHA fundraising initiatives had been conducted across the Fall and Spring semesters. The student group thanked the program staff of over 150 speech-language pathologists for their clinical education contributions and ongoing support of the undergraduate Communication Sciences and Disorders curriculum on the Cocoa campus.



College of Sciences



Alexandra McConnell, a Palm Bay Psychology student, was awarded the 2014-15 Florida Executive Women scholarship worth \$2,500. Ms. McConnell is mentored by **Dr. Karen Mottarella**.

This summer, **Dr. Adam Pritchard**, Sociology, joined a workgroup devised by the Brevard County Sheriff's Office to improve the county's response to domestic violence cases involving non-fatal strangulation. The project plans to provide forensic medical care to address serious health concerns that arise from incidents of strangulation, as well as collect better quality evidence to aid in the prosecution of these cases. The Brevard County Strangulation Pilot Project Workgroup was created by Agent Cyndi Young and Agent Jessie Holton (who is a UCF graduate student) and brings together numerous agencies including the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, the University of Central Florida, the State Attorney's Office, the Department of Health, the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and two local domestic violence shelters, Serene Harbor and the Salvation Army Domestic Violence Program.

Dr. Pritchard, along with Sociology graduate students **Chelsea Nordham** and **Shannon Frey**, represent UCF in the workgroup and will oversee data collection and evaluation of the pilot project in hopes of developing a model for use throughout the state of Florida.



Direct Connect

Kim Poppert promoted UCF at the EFSC Fall 2014 Welcome Back Events: Palm Bay on August 26, Melbourne on August 27, and Cocoa on August 28. She also had 1,060 contacts with Direct Connect students over the semester.

As part of efforts to promote UCF and the Direct Connect program, Kim will attend high school recruitment events.

Kim is participating in Career Development Facilitator training. CDF was designed to familiarize academic advisors with the necessary skills to assist students with career related decision making throughout the post-secondary lifespan. This certification will allow Kim to work with incoming Direct Connect students so they select and develop the correct degree plan that fits with their career goals including use of the UCF virtual career center website and assessments offered through MyPlan.

Enrollment Services

Enrollment Services and Advising Staff completed 17 classroom visits during Summer 2014 at EFSC where they spoke with approximately 280 students. The Enrollment office also had 1,543 student contacts during this time.

Enrollment Services hosted Application Day on June 9 assisting students with the undergraduate admission application as well as providing information financial aid, residency, and transferring to UCF for Fall 2014

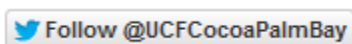
Jessica Houts attended the Florida Association of Collegiate Registrar's and Admissions Officers (FACRAO) conference where she is pursuing certification as a Registered Enrollment Professional (REP) through FISEM.

Social Media

The UCF Cocoa/ Palm Bay Facebook page stats summer 2014:

- A total of 247 "likes"
- Of the 247 fans, 76% are women and 23% are men
- Most engaged fans are women ages 25-34
- Posts during the week of June 16, 2014 received the most active fan engagement
- During July 2014, posts and pictures reached 1,331 people

Starting in fall term, we will add a jobs album to post job opportunities for students.



Regional Outreach Services

SOS is now known as ROS - Regional Outreach Services! Our ROS team is located in the student lounge to help provide our local UCF Knights with many services to make your regional campus feel like home. Please stop by your local lounge and meet all of the new team members!

The Palm Bay ROS office is located in the UCF Building, Room 209. The Cocoa ROS office is located in the UCF Building, Room 236.

ROS is here to help UCF Knights in any way they can! Services include but are not limited to:

- Free Printing - Up to 100 prints per week per student (Must have UCF ID)
- Free Scantrons (1 per day)
- Free Coffee & Hot Chocolate
- Free Snacks
- Games (Varies by campus)
- Fun filled events will be offered both on and off campus throughout the semester

Like ROS on Facebook and Knights Connect - UCF ROS Southern Region to stay up to date on all things ROS!!

Upcoming Events

September 13- Fun In The Sun II - Beach Bash

September 22- Punch Day

September 29- Ask a Stupid Question Day

October 11- Knights Give Back (Volunteer Event)

Month of October - Breast Cancer Awareness

Homecoming will be held in the month of October

November - Krafty Knights

December - Survive the Exams

Academic Advising

Patricia Terrill, Sheryl Schagen and **Angel Edgecombe** attended an information session about advising On-Line Majors. The online majors highlighted were: Latin American Studies, History, Religion & Cultural Studies, Criminal Justice, Anthropology, Political Science, and Health Services Administration.

Patricia Terrill and **Sheryl Schagen** attended the Annual College Update Meeting with the EFSC advisors



Angel Edgecombe attended the COHPA Major Career Update Workshop. This event is offered every other year in an effort to keep the UCF advising community informed.

The Cocoa Office of Student Services and Academic Advising conducted an Academic Advising walk-in event on May 8. Students from different majors, including Psychology, Criminal Justice and Education, attended.



Angel Edgecombe, Sheryl Schagen, Patricia Terrill, and **Angie Jones** participated in the Student Services & Advising (SSA) Huddle Retreat held at the UCF Business Incubator in Winter Springs where they participated in Strategic Management, Teamwork, and Leadership Activities.

Angel Edgecombe and **Patricia Terrill** participated in a Bachelor of Applied Science “live chat” meeting on July 14. This project is a “live chat” option that Regional Campuses students can use to access advisors from a remote location.

Student Services

The Student Services Office had a summer term filled with many activities including:

New Offices

The Student Services office has moved and is now located in suite 203, with Advising Services. **Paula Cepero** and **Rebecca Stanley** will now support **Angie Jones** and students needing assistance with orientation, disabilities, veteran and career services. **Darlyne Egan** will still support Orientation services along with her new role as faculty support for the College of Sciences.

Veteran's Services

The Student Services office assisted 42 students with completing the paperwork for veteran education benefits and certifying their summer 2014 hours.

Transfer Orientation

The Student Services office has been very busy with Orientation for summer/fall 2014. As of mid-July, 182 new transfer students registered to complete orientation at UCF Cocoa/Palm Bay. The Student Services office has had over 400 contacts since May regarding orientation and the transition process for summer/fall.

Academic and Career Services Workshops

Three career workshops were offered for students in summer 2014: Social Networking Strategies, Preparing for an Interview, and Building Winning Resumes.

The office is in the planning stages for fall academic and career workshops for current and Direct Connect students.

Student Disability Services

Student Services staff have been diligently scheduling and proctoring exams throughout the semester for students in this region receiving academic accommodations. During summer 2014, 11 exams were proctored through the office. With the use of Skype, **Angie Jones** has been collaborating with SDS Accessibility consultants from the UCF Orlando campus to conduct welcome meetings with students who have been approved for SDS accommodations. To date, five Skype welcome meetings have been completed.

Joint-Use Library

One ID to Rule Them All

Effective July 2014, the NID and NID password replaced the PID and PID password as the primary credentials to log into the UCF Library Databases.

eBooks

Want to access ebooks from home? The UCF Libraries has plenty of full text books online from a variety of publishers and sources. For a list and links to the different UCF eBook, database, go to <http://library.ucf.edu/Databases/Subjects/eBooks.php>.

Customize Library Sessions

UCF Librarians Barbara Alderman and Andy Todd can provide customized library instruction sessions for your face to face classes. We can also provide embedded librarian services for

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your online classes and/or build a web-based Research Guide for your class with links to databases and online resources, along with instructions for using the library and getting help. Click here to see examples: <http://guides.ucf.edu/courseguides>. Personalized electronic research consultations are also available for faculty students, and staff.

Searching for Suggestions

The UCF Libraries has some funds available for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Please let us know if you have suggestions for future purchases, including Books, eBooks and DVD Videos.

To take advantage of the aforementioned services, please contact us via the phone numbers and email addresses below.

Have a great Fall semester,
Andy and Barbara

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UCF-EFSC Writing Center

Visit the Writing Center in its new location on the third floor of the library in room 331. The center is available to help with the student's writing needs such as concept development, planning and organizing writing, and citation and documentation.

Fall Semester Hours:

Monday - Thursday
11:30 am - 5:00 pm

Sue's Tech Tip

You can encrypt your Microsoft Office files with a password by choosing File, Info, and Protect Document. If you are sending an encrypted file to an individual in an email do not put the password in that email. Call them or send them a different email with the password. We do not have a way to unlock your file once encrypted, so use wisely and keep a list of the passwords in a secure place.

Out & About

Autumn Adams joined the Cocoa & Palm Bay campuses as the new Program Assistant for Enrollment Services in May. Autumn previously worked in the Undergraduate Admissions office in Orlando before coming over to Regional Campuses. She also worked with Culver Academies Admissions Office where she assisted with domestic and international student populations who were enrolling in Culver Academies' Summer program.



Special note: Thanks to **Megan Haught** for her work in compiling this newsletter.